

**Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee**  
**Dec. 11, 2018**  
**NERRS Building**

**Call to Order:** 6:02 by Dave Lyon (chair)

**Roll Call:**

**Members Present:** Dave Lyon (chair), George Matz (secretary), Michael Craig, Thomas Hagberg, Lee Martin, Doug Malone, Dan Anderson, Marvin Peters, Wes Humbyrd, Gary Sinnhuber, Ty Gates.

**Members Absent:** Joey Alred, Tom Young (vice chair), Dennis Wade, Jim Meesis, Phillip Jones.

**Number Needed for Quorum on AC:** 8

**List of User Groups Present:** None

**Approval of Agenda:** Approved

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** NA

**Fish and Game Staff Present:** Jason Herreman (DWC), Jeremy Baum (AWT)

**Guests Present:** Joseph Basargin, Auroam Kalugin,ness: John Guer, Andrea Kosto, Mike Bianchi, Joe Brewer, Colette Choate, Revelletad Russell, Mathew Alward, Malcolm, Milne.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** We discussed the Kodiak interception issue and the need for the Homer AC to generate a proposal addressing this. Dan Anderson will work on a draft for AC consideration.

Homer AC decisions on proposals.

Alaska Board of Fisheries: Statewide Finfish Proposals March 8-11, 2019   Anchorage, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
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168			Specify that any line used to make the attachment between a skiff and a purse seine used in a commercial salmon fishery may not exceed 10 fathoms in length

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S	11	0 - 0	This proposal closes a loophole that a few fisherman have used to circumvent regulations.
169	Repeal and readopt the Policy for Statewide Salmon Escapement Goals		
S	10	0 - 1	The AC felt that Proposal 169 was a more readable version of Proposal 170 which includes specific amendments and deletions to 5 AAC 39.222. The general discussion was that current practice allows too much escapement which results in smaller runs in the future and lower harvest in the present than what would be sustainable. Proposal 169 is a return to biological escapement goals and gives local biologists more flexibility in managing harvest. The abstention was based on the concern that the proposed changes to policy assumes too much certainty in managing wild stocks and could result in nonsustainable harvest if conditions (e.g. weather) abruptly change.
170	Amend the Policy for the Management of Sustainable Salmon Fisheries to include management targets		
S	9	1 - 1	The reasons for were essentially the same as #169. Those not supporting did not think that extensive deletions to existing policy was needed.
171	Modify criteria for the allocation of fishery resources among personal use, sport, and commercial fisheries		
O	0	11 - 0	The main objection by the AC is that this proposal puts emphasis, in terms of historical analysis, on the previous 20 years. This would skew allocation to sport and personal use and leave out long term cycles that might offer valuable insight to fish populations.
172	Define "bow and arrow"		
S	9	0 - 2	We have discussed this many times in the past, so discussion was brief.

At the request of a couple of guests, we took up the following proposals without realizing that the BOF meeting had already been held.

## Alaska Board of Fisheries: Bristol Bay Proposals

November 28-December 4, 2018 | Dillingham, AK

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56	Prohibit chumming by guides and other commercial users in portions of the Naknek River drainage sport fishery		
O	0	10 - 1	Objection was because chumming, as presented in the proposal, isn't well defined and would be hard to enforce.
57	Prohibit the use of certain sport fishing tackle in a section of the Naknek River drainage		
O	0	10 - 1	This proposal would prohibit a popular fly-fishing method.

Next, we continued BOG proposals.

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64	Change the resident bag limit for moose in Unit 15 to include spike-fork bulls		
O	0	11 - 0	This proposal goes back to what hasn't worked well under current conditions. Other proposals address the central issue of bull:cow ratios.
78	Establish resident drawing hunts for "any bull" moose in Units 15 and 7		
S	6	4 - 1	We initially opposed this proposal, despite being similar to what we supported for 15C, because we were uncertain as to whether or not the same conditions apply to other parts of 15 and 7. However, there was a reconsideration vote and based on ADF&G staff stating that the Department would have discretion as to whether or not a draw hunt would be applicable, the vote changed.
79	Require hunter education for all hunters participating in Unit 15C drawing hunts		
S	9	2 - 0	This proposal was submitted by the Homer AC. Opposition was based difficulty that rural villages would have in attending a hunter ed course and those who took hunters ed. a long time ago having to take it again. But one AC member who teaches hunter ed pointed out that getting recertified isn't that onerous. Besides,

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			conditions have changed, and all hunters need to be up to speed with what is current.
80	Change the Hope/Palmer Creek Valley area general season moose hunt in Unit 7 to an archery-only permit hunt		
O	0	10 - 1	The Hope/Palmer Creek qualifies for a federal subsistence which will still allow hunting with firearms. Consequently, it isn't clear that this proposal would achieve its objective.
81	Require blaze orange be worn by moose hunters on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
O amended	5	4 - 2	After much discussion about the merits of wearing blaze orange, there was a motion to amend "upper" with "orange vest or jacket and hat". The amendment passed 9-2. However, the vote on the amended version still lacked the majority considering an abstained vote is a vote against.
82	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
S amended	11	0 - 0	The AC amended this proposal to "remove the sealing requirement". The amendment passed 10 - 0 - 1.
83	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
S	7	1 - 3	There was a motion to remove the nonresident permit. However, after ADF&G staff pointed out that there has been only 1 nonresident permit in the past three years the motion was deemed unnecessary and lacked a second. There was discussion about why ADF&G included the AM550 hunt in this proposal since DM549 and AM550 have nothing in common. Some AC members felt that the proposal should be rejected because of this. However, it was felt that the more discrete approach is to support the proposal, but strongly request that ADF&G not include the AM550 hunt in this proposal or future antlerless moose proposals.
84	Open a resident, archery-only season for Dall sheep in Unit 15		
O	0	11 - 0	Sheep populations and harvest for Unit 15 are in a series decline and adding another hunt is inappropriate.
85	Reduce the resident bag limit for black bear in Units 7 and 15		
S amended	11	0 - 0	This proposal was submitted by the Homer AC. There was some discussion about sufficient biological evidence to reduce bag limits from 3 to 2. Initially it passed 6-3-2. But then there was a reconsideration vote followed by a motion to amend the fourth

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			paragraph to read "Two bears per year". The motion passed 9-0-2 and the amended proposal vote was unanimous for support.
86	Reduce the bag limit for spruce grouse in Units 7 and 15		
S	11	0 - 0	This proposal was submitted by the Homer AC.
87	Close the ptarmigan season in Unit 15C		
O	0	10 - 1	The AC agrees that ptarmigan populations are much reduced in some areas and that action is needed. At our January 2015 meeting we supported Proposal #176 to reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan in Unit 15C, north of Kachemak Bay and Fox River. The BOG approved a similar proposal (#175) and lowered the ptarmigan bag limit to 5 in 15C and shortened the season to end January 31 with the intent of enabling recovery of local populations. Our preference is to see how these changes work out before taking more restrictive actions.
88	Move the boundary of the Skilak Loop Wildlife Management Area in Unit 15		
S	7	1 - 3	The AC wants to point out that the critical factor is that the state has to reach agreement with the F&WS.
89	Close the trapping season for beaver in an area of Units 7 and 15C		
S	8	3 - 0	The AC was in agreement that now beaver are virtually absent in the headwaters of the Anchor River (though not downriver) and that a temporary closure on trapping is appropriate. The votes opposed to the proposal were based on the assumption that beaver dams block the spawning and rearing of salmon in waters above a dam. However, ADF&G staff pointed out that beaver and salmon coexist in the lower part of the Anchor River and this doesn't appear to be a factor.
90	Remove the date restrictions and expand the hunt area for the small game youth hunt in the Skilak Loop Wildlife Management Area in Unit 15		
S	11	0 - 0	Not much discussion.
91	Prohibit the discharge of certain weapons used for hunting and trapping within 1/2 mile of any residence in Unit 15C		
O	0	11 - 0	ADF&G staff pointed out that the BOG may not have authority to enact this proposal. While we are aware of the problem the proposal is trying to address, drawing a circle with a half mile radius around every residence in the area might essentially prohibit any

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			hunting on the Homer bench, even on public lands where it is allowed. Perhaps adjustment to “no hunting” regulations could address this issue.
92	Open a hunting season for tundra swan in Units 7 and 15		
0	0	11 - 0	It doesn't appear that the proposer can identify swans correctly. Being able to distinguish between a Tundra and Trumpeter Swan can be difficult. Alaska does have a season for Tundra Swans in the northern part of the state (where they breed), but they are fairly rare in Units 7 & 15, even during migration. However, Trumpeter Swans, which are a protected species, are commonly seen on the Kenai Peninsula. Trumpeter Swans not only nest on the Kenai but some overwinter here where there is open freshwater, like the Kenai River and

Next meeting on Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>, same time and place. Agenda will be to finish BOG proposals and look at proposals for Joint Board. Also, annual elections. Since we have staggered 3-year terms, 1/3 of member terms (not the member) expires every year. Based on my records, those up for reelection are Tom Young, George Matz, Marvin Peters, Gary Sinnhuber, and Lee Martin.

Adjournment: 8:30

Minutes Recorded By: George Matz  
 Minutes Approved By: Dave Lyon, Chair  
 Date: 12/20/2018